

# NATIVE ROOTS

To promote the enjoyment & stewardship of natural areas in West Central Indiana!

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## Wabash Sampling Blitz

FRI, SEP 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 3-5pm

Volunteers are needed to help sample sites on tributaries draining into the Wabash in Tippecanoe, Fountain, Warren & Montgomery counties  
ALL TRAINING & EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

To volunteer, contact:

Wabash Riverkeeper, Rae: [rschnapp@hecweb.org](mailto:rschnapp@hecweb.org) 765-714-4829  
Watershed Coordinator, Sara: [speel@lafayette.in.gov](mailto:speel@lafayette.in.gov) 765-337-9100  
or sign-up on-line at: [tiny.cc/WabashBlitz](http://tiny.cc/WabashBlitz)

## HEC BUS TRIP: "New Terrain" I-69—THE ROAD TO RUIN

FRI, SEP 25<sup>th</sup> 9am - 7pm (\*\*RSVP by SEP 14\*\*)

Starting in Indianapolis, the bus travels through Martinsville, Bloomington, Green County, Washington, and Oakland City to visit the people & places that will be most affected by the proposed route.  
\*\* RSVP/Details: 317-685-8800 ext 114 or [aeaks@hecweb.org](mailto:aeaks@hecweb.org)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### West Central Chapter of INPAWS - Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

WC-INPAWS PROGRAM Meetings—fourth Mondays at 7pm  
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette  
~ open to the public ~

#### MON, SEP 28 – Indiana's Rarest Shrubs

Presentation by Purdue Dendrologist Sally Weeks, co-author of *Native Trees of the Midwest*. Sally just finished "Native Shrubs of Indiana" on CD and is teaching a course this semester on this topic.

#### MON, OCT 26 – Exploration of the Kankakee Region

Gus Nyberg, Executive Director of NICHES Land Trust, will give a presentation on the natural history of this region with its black oak savannas, sand, and wetland communities.

PgmChair: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 [sueandtedulrich@msn.com](mailto:sueandtedulrich@msn.com)

### STATE INPAWS 16th Annual Conference

#### "Native Plant Communities –

#### What to Plant, Where, and Why"

SAT, NOV 7<sup>th</sup> at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis

#### Featured Speakers—

\*\* Donald Leopold, PhD.,

Chair of Dept of Environment & Forest Biology, SUNY  
and author of *Native Plants of the Northeast*

\*\* Steven I. Apfelbaum, Senior & Principal Ecologist,

Chairman & Owner of Applied Ecological Services of Wisconsin.

For conference details & other information: [www.inpaws.org](http://www.inpaws.org)

#### ANNUAL MILKWEED for MONARCHS SEED POD COLLECTION

Reni Winter invites us all to help restore the northern habitat of the monarch butterfly by collecting ripe (brown) milkweed pods to plant the seeds ourselves or to send them to **Winterhaven Wildflowers** (5724 S 900 West, West Point, IN 47992) for redistribution to others who will plant them. Contact Reni for more info: 765-714-4288 or [milkweedformonarchs@gmail.com](mailto:milkweedformonarchs@gmail.com)



#### OPEN DAY at MARKLE FARM and GREENHOUSES

SUN, SEP 13<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm 1665 SR 16 West of Monon, IN  
Environmentally Friendly Vegetables & Plants – Markle Money in 2010!  
INFO: [marklefarmandgreenhouses.com](http://marklefarmandgreenhouses.com) or call Ginny 219-253-7302

TUES, NOV 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm at Butler University

Clowes Memorial Hall

#### FREE LECTURE by Doug Tallamy\*

Univ of Delaware entomologist, nature photographer and author of *Bringing Nature Home:*

*How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*

\*An inspiring speaker with a thought-provoking message!"

## SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

[www.sycamoreaudubon.org](http://www.sycamoreaudubon.org)

SAS PROGRAM Meetings—second Thursdays at 7:15pm

at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette

~ open to the public ~

#### THURS, SEP 10 Members' Invitational Program

Bring a five to ten-minute program to share (digital, slides, video).

Carry-in dinner at 6pm (before the meeting): bring a dish to share.

#### THURS, OCT 8 A Birdwatcher's Travels in Turkey

Barry Dunning, Purdue Wildlife Ecologist, will talk about his recent experiences with Purdue's summer program in Turkey.

PGM CHAIR—Diane Packett: [dlpackett@pex.net](mailto:dlpackett@pex.net) or 765-463-9231

#### SAS FIELD TRIPS

##### SAT SEP 12 Walk along Heritage Trail to see Fall Migrants

Meet at 8am in Tippecanoe Battlefield parking lot off North 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Battle Ground. May follow with drive to Prophetstown State Park.

##### SAT SEP 26 Celery Bog Wetlands Walk

Meet at 8am in Celery Bog gravel parking lot (off Lindberg Rd in WL). Looking for fall migrant waterbirds and landbirds. May go on to Mulvey Pond and Pine Creek to look for additional waterbirds there.

##### SAT OCT 31 Lake Michigan Shore—full day trip

Meet at 6:30am in Celery Bog gravel parking lot for carpooling. Full day along the lakeshore, looking for scoters, Long-tailed Duck, Tundra Swans, gulls, hawks & jaegers. Will stop at Jasper-Pulaski on the way up and the way back to see and hear Sandhill Cranes.

##### THURSDAY EARLY BIRD WALKS at HORT PARK – SEP-mid-NOV

Meet at 8:00am\* in the east parking lot of Horticulture Park on McCormick Rd across from Purdue West shopping center in WL.

\*Starting times may be adjusted depending on sunup. (~ 1-hour walk)

For field trip or walk info: Barry Dunning 494-3565w, 497-3082h

#### FREE Programs: COOL CREEK Park & Nature Center—Carmel, IN

#### SATURDAY BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATIONS led by

Dr. Ron Weiss, Exec Dir of Chipper Woods Bird Observatory

1pm on SEP 19<sup>th</sup>, OCT 24<sup>th</sup>, and NOV 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Indiana Bluebird Society's Annual Meeting—SAT, OCT 17<sup>th</sup>

9am-2:30pm Includes speakers on native Indiana birds and on wildlife rehabilitation, and a roundtable discussion of bluebirds.

Free, but must pre-register with:

Ted Vesa: [tjvesa@earthlink.net](mailto:tjvesa@earthlink.net) 260-248-8636

#### BATS: Myths and Realities—THU, OCT 22<sup>nd</sup>

Two pgms: at 1pm and at 3:30pm (for school aged children)

Terri Warne, Bat Rehabilitator & Dir of Bat World South Ind, shares her love of bats and the important role they play in our ecosystem!

PROGRAM DETAILS: [www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com)

MORE INFO: [amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) 317-774-2500

#### CONRAD SAVANNA HIKE – Shirley Heinze Land Trust

SAT, SEP 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon CDT (central time)

Tom Post (with Indiana DNR) leads this hike through rare black oak savanna and sand dunes, focusing on savanna restoration techniques.

To sign up & get more details: 219-879-4725

#### Third Annual Indiana Bat Festival!

SAT, SEP 19 10am-10pm at Indiana State University in Terre Haute

Features live bat and bird programs, talks by leading bat experts, inflatable cave for exploration, activities for children, bat house info, bat merchandise, an evening barbeque & bat science night!

Event details, schedule, and directions:

[www.indstate.edu/biology/centers/batfestival.htm](http://www.indstate.edu/biology/centers/batfestival.htm)

For more info: 812-237-8294 or [lhohman@indstate.edu](mailto:lhohman@indstate.edu)

#### AND: Project Underground Workshop for Educators

(focus is on bats and their habitat; limited to 20 people; \$20 fee)

WORKSHOP PRE-REGISTRATION required: 812-824-3210

Bat Festival is sponsored by

ISU Center for North American Bat Research & Conservation

## "WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

### Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips

SEP-NOV 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 1-3pm or As Noted

**\* (NOTE: "Double-header" on OCT 14<sup>th</sup>)**

#### Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-3pm Wings & Wildflowers at Prophetstown STPK

Naturalist Mary Cutler leads this walk to visit a fen and prairie at their peak. Butterflies, birds and blooming plants put on quite an end-of-summer display! **Bring binoculars & bug repellent! \$5 Park Fee**

#### Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Exploration of Black Oak Savanna & Pin Oak Flatwoods ..... FOS

Gus Nyberg (Exec Dir of NICHES Land Trust) leads this hike and talks about the restoration of the savanna & flatwoods community on this state dedicated nature preserve near Wolcott in Jasper Co.

#### Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm The Natural History of Common Plant Galls LNC

John MacDonald (Purdue Entomologist) gives a presentation on causes of gall formation, insect/mite-plant interactions and more; then leads an outdoor search for galls on Celery Bog plants!

#### Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-3pm Monarch Migration & Conservation ..... LNC

Reni Winter (Master Naturalist & monarch aficionado) gives a presentation on monarch butterfly migration & conservation, followed by a demonstration of tagging and releasing monarchs.

#### Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Martell Forest Ramble ..... MARTELL

Lenny Farlee (Extension Forester) leads this hike to see some of Purdue's Dept of Forestry research projects, the Indiana native tree arboretum, and prairie landscaping.

#### Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm Night Sights bring flashlights/bug spray BEEC

Join Naturalist Mary Cutler in exploring autumn in Indiana after the sun goes down!

#### \*Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Fall Colors Walk at CLEGG ..... CLEGG

Jim Peterson (CLEGG Garden manager & property steward) leads a walk through this wooded ravine to enjoy the fall colors of the many trees, shrubs, & wildflowers along the way!

#### \*Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm What's Up with Wolves? ..... LNC

Gale Motter (Curator at Wolf Park) will help us celebrate Wolf Awareness Week by providing an update on the status of wolves in the wild, along with the changing perceptions of humans regarding this long-maligned predator.

#### Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm Johnny Appleseed & Indiana Apple Tasting! LNC

Lynn Layden (Master Gardener) talks about apple lore while sharing samples of heirloom apples!

#### Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Nutty Squirrels ..... LNC

Rob Swihart (Head of Purdue's Dept of Forestry & Natural Resources) describes his program: "Contrary to our constitutional rights, not all squirrels are created equal. Learn about behavioral and ecological differences among Indiana squirrels that influence their responses to human activity and their function in ecosystems."

#### Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Fall Birds at Celery Bog ..... LNC

Susan Ulrich (avid birder with Sycamore Audubon Society) talks about the many different birds that can be seen in the Celery Bog Nature Area at this time of year; indoor program is followed by a birding walk at the marsh. **Bring binoculars!**

~PGMS continue through Nov 18<sup>th</sup> & will be in next Native Roots~

LOCATIONS of these FREE PGMS—OPEN to the PUBLIC

**BEEC (Brier Environmental Educ Ctr):** Battle Ground—turn by small

Center sign on south side of Prophet St nr intersection with N. 9<sup>th</sup> St

**CLEGG (CLEGG Garden):** In Lafayette, on 400E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N.

**FOS (Fisher Oak Savanna):** Meet in property parking lot—directions at [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org) or CAROOL from LNC at 12 noon.

**LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area):** On north side of Lindberg Rd (betw Northwest & McCormick) in West Lafayette.

**MARTELL (Martell Forest):** Take South River Rd to CR 725W to access Wright Forestry Center parking lot (CARPOOL 12:15 from LNC)

**STPK (Prophetstown State Pk):** Enter park via Swisher Rd (off North 9<sup>th</sup> St, just south of Battle Ground); meet at Coneflower Picnic Shelter. **NOTE: State Park Pass OR \$5/car entry fee is required.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:

**Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Joan Samuels (765-567-7023)**

**Sponsored by:** Mary Cutler-TIPP CO Park & Rec Dept, Dan Duntlen-WL Parks & Rec, Sycamore Audubon Soc, WC-INPAWS, NICHES

#### HIKE the CANAL TOWPATH in DELPHI – SAT SEP 12<sup>th</sup>

Starts 3pm at Wabash & Erie Canal Center (bring water, repellent)

11 blocks north of Courthouse spotlight on Washington St, Delphi

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### The INPAWS RIP (Remove Invasive Plant) Squad

needs volunteers to help remove non-native honeysuckle at its

FALL 2009 Workdays

#### TUESDAYS 3-5pm

##### West Lafayette Parks

**Oct 13** Celery Bog Nature Area

**Oct 20** Happy Hollow Park

**Oct 27** Celery Bog Nature Area

**Nov 3** Happy Hollow Park

**Full NOV schedule to be announced in next issue of Native Roots.**

#### THURSDAYS 3-5pm

##### Tippecanoe County Parks

**Oct 15** Ross Hills Park

**Oct 22** Prophet's Rock Woods

**Oct 29** Ross Hills Park

**Nov 5** Ross Hills Park

#### Workday Meeting Locations

Bring loppers and gloves & dress for poison ivy!

**Celery Bog Nature Area**—Meet at parking lot near Lilly Nature Center

**Happy Hollow Park**—Meet in last parking lot after entering the park from Happy Hollow Rd in West Lafayette

**Prophet's Rock Woods**—Meet at Prophet's Rock small parking lot, just north of 600N (in Battle Ground).

**Ross Hills Park**—Meet at far end of park's 2<sup>nd</sup> parking area (loop drive). Ross Hills is located off Division Rd near Ravines Golf Course.

**INFO: Joan Samuels 765-567-7023, Mary Sue Waser 765-589-3228,**

### NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!

[www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)

**NEXT BOARD MEETINGS -- 7 pm TUES: Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

(in the Wells Center: 638 North St, Lafayette)

**NOTE:** NICHES is on FACEBOOK: type *NICHES Land Trust* in search

#### UPCOMING NICHES EVENTS\*\*

**SAT, SEP 19<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm VOLUNTEER WORKDAY** (Warren Co.)

at Black Rock Nature Preserve; led by Greg Shaner.

Finish removal of old shingles from torn down shack.

**SAT, SEP 19<sup>th</sup> 10am-noon Geocache Workshop** (Fountain County)

at Shawnee Bottoms; led by Chris Miller, Purdue GIS.

**SAT, OCT 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm VOLUNTEER WORKDAY/Fall Color Hike**

Meet at Black Rock Barrens (Warren County); led by Jeff Ganley.

Invasive plant removal from 9am-noon; bring lunch; hike 1-3pm.

**\*\*For more info/property directions: [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)**

**Details: Gus Nyberg at 765-423-1605 [gnyberg@nicheslandtrust.org](mailto:gnyberg@nicheslandtrust.org)**

### Stewardship Workdays sponsored by TNC in Indiana (RSVP & More INFO)\*

**SAT, SEP 19 9am-noon CDT Kankakee Sands**

**Seed Collecting:** meet at the Kankakee Sands Native Plant Nursery located on CR 250 N, across from North Newton H.S. (Newton Co.)

\* **Alyssa Nyberg 219-285-2184 or [anyberg@tnc.org](mailto:anyberg@tnc.org)**

**SAT, OCT 10 9am-noon CDT Kankakee Sands Project**

**Seed Cleaning:** meet at the Kankakee Sands Seed Barn located at 417W CR 600N in Newton Co.

\* **Stephanie Frischie 219-819-0245 or [sfrischie@tnc.org](mailto:sfrischie@tnc.org)**

**SAT, OCT 17 10am-3pm EDT Stoner Hill Glade (southern Indiana)**

**Clearing cedars & brush from the glades:** meet in Elizabeth at the 4-way stop sign on Hwy 11 (Harrison County). **A rare chance to visit this property which is normally closed to the public!**

\* **Bonnie Wolf 812-972-1506 or [bwolf@tnc.org](mailto:bwolf@tnc.org)**

#### COMMUNITY GREEN EVENTS

**Green Week at Purdue: SEP 21-25 [www.purdue.edu/sustainability](http://www.purdue.edu/sustainability)**

**GREEN DRINKS** meets first Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Puccini's - WL

**OCT 7<sup>th</sup>** program to be announced **INFO: [ffrench@hecweb.org](mailto:ffrench@hecweb.org)**

#### WL Go Greener Commission Activities-Get Involved!

**WED, SEP 16 3-6:30pm at WL Farmer's Market**

**GO GREENER** is collecting unwanted medicine for proper disposal.

**TUES, SEP 22 7:15pm – Public Meeting at West Lafayette City Hall**

Open discussion on the "Pay As You Throw System of Waste Mgmt!"

**MORE INFO: [gogreenerevents.org](http://gogreenerevents.org) or [dianedamico@mac.com](mailto:dianedamico@mac.com)**

#### Why this newsletter?

If you're like me, you'd like to have all your nature news in one place—so you don't miss out on some interesting natural history programs or stewardship opportunities. That's my intent here.

**Submissions for NOV-DEC issue need to reach me by OCT 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Please send your info to [mohrsamuels@comcast.net](mailto:mohrsamuels@comcast.net)

or call (765) 567-7023. **Joan Mohr Samuels, Editor**